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I'd just like to add my voice to those expressing concerns regarding the proposed Microsoft settlement, as per the Tunney Act.

I am against the proposed settlement.

The proposed settlement:

- 1) does not contain sufficiently defined language to prevent Microsoft from exploiting those definitions ("API", "Microsoft Middleware", etc).
- 2) does nothing to give redress to Microsoft's current main competitor, namely Linux and other free software, nor does it give appropriate protection or means of recourse to companies built around free software against Microsoft's continuing anti-competitive practices.
- 3) provides insufficient stimulus for Microsoft to comply with the current, flawed settlement, and in fact gives Microsoft further advantage against competitors even if they don't comply.

For these and a host of other reasons, I encourage the court and the parties involved to rethink the proposed settlement. Microsoft has been found guilty. Justice requires that a fair price be paid.

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